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Remarks

This Response is in reply to the Office Action mailed June 7, 2006, requiring Applicant to restrict the present application to one of Group 1 (claims 1-16), Group 2 (claims 17-29, 52, and 68), Group 3 (claims 30-33), Group 4 (claims 34-38 and 51), Group 5 (claims 39-50, 67, and 68), Group 6 (claims 53-63), and Group 7 (claims 64-66). The Applicant hereby elects to pursue Group 1 (claims 1-16), without traverse. Applicant has cancelled claims 17-69 as directed to non-elected groups. The foregoing election is made without prejudice to the Applicant's right to claim the subject matter of all non-elected groups in this or any related application.

Conclusion

No fee is believed to be due with this response. If any additional fees are in fact due, please charge any amount due (or credit any overpayment) to Deposit Account No. 13-0019.

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